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For: ABRASIVE GRAINS CONSISTING OF
POLYCRYSTALLINE ALUMINA

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Non-Fee Amendment
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Dear Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, after the title:

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CROSS-REFERENCE RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is a Continuation Application of 09/913,137 filed January 17, 2002; which is National Stage of PCT/FR00/00299 filed February 9, 2000; which claims priority from French Application FR99/01962 filed February 15, 1999.--

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph from lines 19-23 with the following amended paragraph:

The abrasive grains obtained by grinding electro-fused corundum are, for the most part, made up of hexagonal monocrystals and their mechanical properties are those of